



## Portion:

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- Exodus 19:1-20:23
- Numbers 28:26-31
- Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17
- Leviticus 23:10-21
- I Corinthians 15
- Acts 2
- Joel 2:1-32
- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- John 4:1-42; 7:1-41
- Luke 2:46-47

## Title:

### ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE!

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*Why are so many of God's children perfectly content to celebrate Hallmark holidays, and with complete dedication commemorate pagan man-made traditions, while completely ignoring the Biblical Festivals gifted to us by Yahweh? This week we will explore the relevance and magnificent imagery of Pentecost. It would seem that in 2020, while the world remains inundated with lies and wrapped*

*in chaos, the Church has bowed to a lower authority. Have Church leaders been deceived because they are **prophetically ignorant** and untrained about the times and seasons? Join us for a deep dive into the Festival of Truth and Spirit.*

**THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE**

Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, **but how is it you do not discern this time?**" Luke 12:56

"In the **third month** after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai." Exodus 19:1

"Then it came to pass **on the third day**, in the morning, that there were **thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain**; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled." Exodus 19:16

""**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the **Feast of Weeks**, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16

## **OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE**

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the **whole house where they were sitting**. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. **And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.**”  
Acts 2:1-5

## Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. This portion is a special selection for the Feast of Shavuot (Pentecost) and tells of the Israelites arrival at Mount Sinai, where God gives Israel His Commandments and invites the people to enter a special covenant relationship with Him. It also includes a section in Deuteronomy that emphasizes the three Pilgrimage Feasts in which all those capable must appear in Jerusalem (the place of Yahweh's choosing) to bring their offerings and keep the feast. These are Unleavened Bread (at Passover), Shavuot (Weeks or Pentecost), and Tabernacles. It includes six verses in Numbers in which the offerings for the

feast are described as well as the command to rest on that day!  
To review all the Feasts, visit this link: [“Messiah in the Feasts of the Yahweh.”](#)

2. In the third month, Israel arrives at Mt. Sinai. The Law and the Holy Spirit were “given” at the same time in relationship to Passover. The Law is given on Shavuot or Pentecost in relationship to the first Passover and the Exodus from Egypt, and the Spirit is give on Shavuot or Pentecost in relationship to the Passover in which Y’shua was the Lamb of God.
3. Yahweh reminds Moses all he has done to bring them there and tells Moses He wishes to make a covenant with the people.
4. He promises Moses that if Israel will obey His voice and keep His covenant, they will be a special treasure above all people, and be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.
5. This is a marriage proposal to Israel to become Yahweh’s bride. And they accept. “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.”  
Exodus 19:8
6. Yahweh tells the people to consecrate themselves as in three days He is coming “down on the mountain.” And He warns the people not to step foot on the mountain. This is a foreshadow of Pentecost in Acts chapter 2.

7. On the third day Yahweh calls Moses and tells him to set boundaries around the mountain lest the people come near and then he calls Moses and Aaron to come up.
8. Then Yahweh speaks the 10 Commandments to Moses.
9. The people heard the thunderous happenings from down below and trembled.
10. They tell Moses to speak to them for Yahweh as a go between.
11. Moses explains that Yahweh has come to test them so that they may not sin.
12. At the end, Yahweh warns the people to not make any type of idol to use as a way to get close to Him.
13. In Numbers 28, Yahweh instructs the people to have a holy gathering and to do no work (keep a sabbath) on the feast of Weeks. It describes the offerings to bring before Yahweh.
14. In Deuteronomy it describes what to do with the tithe of your increase and how you are to bring it before Yahweh and eat it in celebration in a place that He chooses. That place will ultimately be Jerusalem.
15. It instructs what shall be brought before Him year by year and also a special offering to the Levites and for those in need every third year.
16. **“At the end of every third year** you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates. **And**

**the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates,** may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.”

17. The section in Deuteronomy 14 teaches about the release of debt of fellow Israelites, every seven years as needed. Foreigners are excluded from release and also there shall be no need for release when there are no poor among you.
18. How to treat the poor and the law of the Hebrew bondservant is elaborated. (Note: there is much to say about the Hebrew bondservant but we shall reserve this for when we study Deuteronomy 15 in depth.)
19. Deuteronomy 16 teaches about the three pilgrimage feasts and we, of course, will emphasize the Feast of Shavuot (Weeks, Pentecost) as this is the season we are now in.
20. ***“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.”*** Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV
21. This is vital if you are to recognize why Jerusalem was filled with so many people in Acts chapter 2. *“When the Day of*

*Pentecost [Weeks] had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place [as commanded].” (Acts 2:1) “And there were dwelling in Jerusalem [as commanded] Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.” Acts 2:5*

THEN, THEN AND NOW!

## 1. Shadows and the Real

### A. **WARNING: Do not be ignorant about the times and seasons**

- (1) The Third Day! Consecrate yourself and BE READY!
  - (a) “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and **consecrate them today and tomorrow**, and let them wash their clothes. And let them be ready for the third day. **For on the third day the LORD will come down** upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” Exodus 19:10-11 NKJV
- (2) How is it that you don’t know the time?
  - (a) “Then He also said to the multitudes, “Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it is. And when you see the south wind blow, you say, ‘There will be hot weather’; and there is. **Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?”** Luke 12:54-56 NKJV

(3) Do not be ignorant?

- (a) **“But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.** For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.” I Thessalonians 5:1-6  
NKJV

## **B. Finding Pentecost (Shavuot)**

(1) It starts with First Fruits

- (a) **““Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them:**  
**‘When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits** of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; on the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it.”  
Leviticus 23:10-11 NKJV



- (b) We know Israel left Egypt at Passover and that they came into the land at the Passover 40 years after the exodus. Passover is in the spring at which time the first harvest of the year is reaped, the barley harvest. That is the sheaf that is presented as the First Fruits offering of the year.
- (c) First Fruits is the First day that follows the first Sabbath that follows Passover. It is always the first day of the week (Sunday). It was the shadow of the resurrection of Y'shua who was the first fruits offering to His Father when He rose from the grave right before sundown **three days and three nights** after His death as it was about to turn to the day of First Fruits. Then on the very feast day He Presented himself to His Father. **Think of the profound directive** of Yahweh in Exodus 19:10-11 as He commands...**Get ready, in three days I am coming!**
- (2) A Three Day's Journey, First Fruits and the Resurrection—  
Put on your Prophetic **Son-Glasses!**
- (a) Passover takes place as the sun is setting on 14th and it is becoming the 15th day of the first month (it was a Wednesday the year of the Exodus, the same as the year of the crucifixion, which means that Unleavened bread

began on Thursday the 15th. This means that Firstfruits began at Sundown on Saturday (the 7th day of the week) as it became the 18th day of the month (Sundown begins the next day, in this case Sunday, the first day of the week). We always find First Fruits the day after the Sabbath that follows Passover, which means the only way the feast can be after exactly three days and three nights have passed is when Passover falls on a Wednesday. Both the Passover of the Exodus and the Passover of the Crucifixion were on Wednesdays!

- (b) **Three day's journey**—Let us go three days journey into the wilderness that we may have a feast to Yahweh—Exodus 3:18; 5:3; 8:27 (Count three days and three nights from the Passover to First Fruits, from Passover to the resurrection)
1. “Then they will heed your voice; and you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us; and now, please, **let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness**, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’” Exodus 3:18 NKJV
  2. “So they said, “The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Please, **let us go three days’ journey into the**

**desert** and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword.””

Exodus 5:3 NKJV

3. **“We will go three days’ journey into the wilderness** and sacrifice to the LORD our God as He will command us.”” Exodus 8:27 NKJV

(3) Y’shua had a three day journey into the wilderness!

- (a) “Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, **and in three days I will raise it up.**”” John 2:19 NKJV

- (b) “But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. **For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**”

Matthew 12:39-40 NKJV

- (c) “But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended”—**what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth?** He who descended is also the One

who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)” Ephesians 4:7-10 NKJV

(d) READ ALL OF 1 CORINTHIANS 15 TO WITNESS CHRIST AS THE FIRST FRUITS!

1. “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, **and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,**” 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 NKJV

I. Question: What Scriptures?

II. **Luke also mentions this in the narrative of the road to Emmaus.** “Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the **Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to **rise from the dead the third day,** and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things.

Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”” Luke 24:44-49 NKJV

- III. You will hear things about these predictions, especially in Luke, that the reference to Moses, Prophets and Psalms is just a general reference to the Old Testament, and maybe that’s okay when referring to general terms in Luke like suffering, repentance, forgiveness of sin, and witnessing to the nations, as those themes are numerous throughout the Old Testament. But the “**rise from the dead the third day**” is ultra-specific and you need prophetic eyes to find it.
- IV. **Some say the third day resurrection comes from Hosea:** “Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. **After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up,** That we may live in His sight.” Hosea 6:1-2 NKJV
- V. But Hosea 6 seems to be more related to the the restoration of the church after 2000 years (in my opinion). “But, beloved, do not forget this one

thing, that with the Lord **one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**" II Peter 3:8 NKJV

VI. \*What is more likely predictive of the third day resurrection is the three day's Journey, after the Exodus, into the wilderness and then a feast (of First Fruits). **Remember—First Fruits can occur any number of days from Passover and it is only when Passover is a Wednesday does a three day's journey land you on the Feast!**

2. "But now Christ is risen from the dead, and **has become the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep." I Corinthians 15:20 NKJV

3. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: **Christ the firstfruits**, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming." I Corinthians 15:22-23 NKJV

(4) Why it is critical that Christians can count?

(a) Unleavened Bread is always the 15th of the first month and that year First Fruits (always the first day of the week) was the 18th. For both the year of the Exodus and the Crucifixion it was the 18th. Shavuot (Weeks, Pentecost) is determined by counting seven Sabbaths

from First Fruits and then adding a day ( $7 \times 7 + 1 = 50$ ). That it is fifty days from First Fruits. This is where Christians get the name Pentecost which means 50. Jews call it Shavuot or Weeks and Christians call it Pentecost. So if we need 50 days from First Fruits (on the 18th) so there are 12 days left in the first month, plus 30 days in the second month, which then lands in the third month when Israel Arrives at Mount Sinai. They leave Egypt on Passover, go three day's journeys to have a feast (which would be First Fruits as that year Passover was Wednesday), then they arrive at the foot of the mountain 47 days after that Feast (50 days after the Exodus), 8 days into the third month, and... "Then it came to pass **on the third day**, in the morning [**on day 50 (47 + 3)**], that there **were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain**; and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled." (Exodus 19:16) Immediately after that come the Commandments.

- (b) Why is this relevant? Because it was on Pentecost that the Law was given on Mount Sinai and it was on Pentecost that the Spirit was Given on the Temple

Mount as Faithful Jews (and converts) from all nations gathered in Jerusalem (See Acts 2).

- (c) “When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1 NKJV
  - (d) “And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind**, and it filled the **whole house where they were sitting**. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.” Acts 2:2-5 NKJV
- (5) Count 50 days from where to find Pentecost?
- (a) ““And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you **brought the sheaf of the wave offering**: **seven Sabbaths** shall be completed. Count fifty days to **the day after the seventh Sabbath**; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the LORD. Leviticus 23:15-16 [this is the barley offering as that is the ripe grain in the first month]
  - (b) And you shall proclaim on the same day that it is a holy convocation to you. You shall do no customary work on



it. It shall be a statute forever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.” Leviticus 23:21 NKJV

- (c) From that Sunday (First Fruits) count seven sabbaths (49 days) and go to the next day, day 50 (Pentecost). It will obviously always land on a Sunday.

### C. CONFIRMED! In the Third Month after the Exodus—Arrival at Mt. Sinai

#### (1) Arrival

- (a) “In the **third month** after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel **camped there before the mountain.**” Exodus 19:1-2 NKJV

#### (2) The IPO (The Initial Public Offering) of the Marriage Covenant. **If you will, than I shall—We do!**

- (a) “Now therefore, **if you will** indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, **then you shall** be a **special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**’ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.” So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these

words which the LORD commanded him. **Then all the people answered** together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken **we will** do.” So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD. And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.” So Moses told the words of the people to the LORD.” Exodus 19:5-9 NKJV

(b) **Special Treasure, Kingdom of Priests, Holy Nation:**

“But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” I Peter 2:9 NKJV

(3) The Power Falls From Heaven Three Days After They Arrive  
—first get ready!

(a) “Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and **consecrate them today and tomorrow**, and let them wash their clothes. And let them **be ready** for the third day. **For on the third day the LORD will come down** upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.” Exodus 19:10-11 NKJV

(b) “Then it came to pass **on the third day**, in the morning, that there **were thunderings and lightnings, and a thick**

**cloud on the mountain;** and the sound of the trumpet was very loud, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled.” Exodus 19:16 NKJV

(c) Then Moses receives the Commandments In Exodus 20:1-17 as the people witness Yahweh’s power manifest

(d) “Now all the people **witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking;** and when the people saw it, they trembled and stood afar off. Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”” Exodus 20:18-19 NKJV

(4) Fast Forward to the First Century

(a) More on this Later but I must include this here as we see the legal precedent for what takes place in the first century and why there are so many people in Jerusalem when it happens.

(b) “**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the **Feast of Weeks,** and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.” Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

- (c) There are three pilgrimage Feasts each year at which time Yahweh's people (if at all possible) should get to Jerusalem to celebrate. Pentecost (Feast of Weeks) is one of them. **And this is exactly what is being obeyed in Acts 2!**
- (d) "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, **they were all with one accord in one place.** And suddenly there came a **sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind,** and it filled the **whole house where they were sitting.** Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And **there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.**" Acts 2:1-5
- (5) One Place, One Accord, Every Nation: you get it?
- (a) "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place...And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven." Acts 2:1, 5 NKJV

#### **D. Questioning the Upper Room Narrative**

- (1) Why or why not did the Holy Spirit fall in an Upper Room on the day of Pentecost in the first century and why is it even important?
  - (a) Christian tradition teaches that the disciples were in an upper room of some house as the Spirit fell, which seems both logistically impossible and is not consistent with the narrative itself, as services for Shavuot take place around the Temple, not in private homes. Let's look at the continuity of the story. Immediately after the Spirit falls and with no change in venue, we see a mixed multitude of nations who are in Jerusalem, in obedience to the commandment to gather in the place Yahweh chooses.
- (2) There were likely hundreds of thousand of people in Jerusalem for the Feast. Why?
  - (a) "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven." Acts 2:5 NKJV
  - (b) "**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the **Feast of Weeks**, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

### (3) So Many Witness

- (a) There was a large group who heard and saw what was taking place. (See Acts 2:5-13). Then Peter stands up with his buddies (the disciples) and gives his famous speech in verses 14 to 39 (which we will analyze in detail later in the notes). And all these different nations of people are present. In the upper room of a house? Of course not!
- (b) He caps off his speech by saying... “And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.”” (Acts 2:40)

### (4) The result of Peter’s speech

- (a) “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand** souls were added to them.” Acts 2:41 NKJV
- (b) Three thousand souls are born again and baptized in the upper room of some house? Not possible. At the temple? Of course!
- (c) So why is this so relevant that we have this specific translation, and what do the words mean, when it says in the narrative that the Spirit descended and “*Filled the whole house where they were sitting*”?

- (d) In my humble opinion it is a purposeful switch to separate the Church from Israel. Anti-Semitic translators did not want a continuity between Israel and the church, but aimed to create a new organization, ultimately void of its Hebrew Roots. Can we easily explain the words? Let's see. (Note: See Ephesians 2:11-22 showing the Church as one with Israel, not a replacement for Israel—Go read it now!)
- (e) In the Greek, the word used here for, 'house' simply means the dwelling and by implication a family (not specially a place but a people) and then 'where they were sitting' simply means in the state they were in, in the moment or situation where they were remaining (not specifically a location but an existence). We know they were in a state of obedience to be where they were supposed to be for the Feast, as...“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were **all with one accord in one place.**” Acts 2:1 NKJV
- (f) This Greek phrase simply indicates they were all of the same mind and disposition. Just like Y'shua prayed would happen.
- (g) ““I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; **that they all may**

**be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; **that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.” John 17:20-21 NKJV

- (h) They were all in Jerusalem to obey the command, being there for the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost), and the the Spirit came down just as it did on the same day on Mt. Sinai 1300 years earlier.

**E. A Special Note from My Good Friend Chaim Goldman**

- (1) Chaim and I (Dr. Jeff) have been friends for 20 years. He is a Jewish believer and leader in the Messianic Community. He is a gifted teacher. He lives with wife (Dr. Kim) and their six children in Colorado Springs, where they steward the ministry Yahweh has placed in their keeping, Repairing the Breach. You can watch the full length [Upper Room Conspiracy](#) teaching on their website. I have included some notes from his teaching here for your edification.

(2) Proving Location

- (a) The room up the stairs where they were staying (Acts [1:13](#)), isn't even obviously the room where the 120 met (Acts [1:15](#)), as there is a time shift ("in those days"). And are we to believe that the room they were renting to stay in, in Jerusalem right before a feast, could have held 120, even uncomfortably? (How many people



have an entire home that could accommodate that many people, much less an upper room?!). We have no idea where they were in Acts 1:15, could have even been the Temple courts.

- (b) Acts 2 starts with another time shift ("When the day of Shavuot had fully come..."), so no reason to assume where they were.
- (c) The Greek word for "house" (Strong's G3624) in Acts 2:2 is "oikos", and can mean everything from a human dwelling to the House of God/the Tabernacle, and even a family living as a household (quite a non-specific word for the Greek). 1 Kings 3:1 refers to Solomon building YHVH a "House", and even the writer of Acts, just 5 chapters later (Acts 7:47), uses "oikos" to refer to the 1 Kings 3:1. When the Temple stood it was referred to as the Beit HaMikdash (the Sanctified House), and to this day if you want a taxi in Jerusalem to take you to the Temple Mount you ask for "Har HaBayit" (the Mountain of the House.) The slam dunk verse for me is Acts 2:46, "So continuing daily with one accord in the Temple..." If they were "continuing", where is the first reference to them doing it before, if Acts 2:2 refers to them being of one accord in the Upper Room?!

(d) Most Christian apologist admit that at some point they made their way up onto the Temple Mount, which is why they drew a crowd, and so many Jews were converted and able to be baptized. (100 mikvaot have been excavated around the Temple Mount.) But nowhere in the text do we see them coming out of the Upper Room "slain in the spirit" and working their way all the way up to the Temple Mount, which would have been quite a journey, past tons of pilgrims, Temple guards, etc., "being drunk" all the way, like a rowdy party of 120 pub crawlers on spring break. The Church would like this to be the case, much the way that they say that the ONLY reason that Paul went to synagogue on Shabbat, or desired to get back to Jerusalem for Passover, was because he wanted to convert Jews...so he went to where they were. In fact, in Acts 2:6 it says, "And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together..." We don't know if that sound was the mighty wind of Acts 2:2, or the speaking in tongues of Acts 2:4 (I would think it was the wind, as it said it "filled the whole house"); but the point is that the crowd CAME TO them, not them to the crowd, and we have no evidence in the text that there is a time or location shift

between Acts 2:4 and 2:5, but we absolutely have a time shift in Acts 2:1.

(3) Why Does It Matter?

(a) Replacement Theology IS the Church's foundational error, and it starts (with the belief) in the Upper Room

(b) UPPER ROOM vs. TEMPLE MOUNT

1. Church Born OR Covenant Renewed?
2. Torah Abrogated OR Torah Established?
3. Israel Replaced OR Israel Affirmed?
4. Disciples of Y'shua Becoming Less Observant/Obedient OR More? (Would the disciples, just 10 days after Y'shua ascended, have already decided to not follow Torah and show up for a High Feast?)
5. The "Birth of the Church" OR the "Renewed Covenant" with Israel?
6. [END CHAIM GOLDMAN]

**F. A Place of Yahweh's Choosing** (This subsection has many pieces that we have previously discussed already, but is included here for further clarification.)

(1) Bring your tithes to a place where Yahweh chooses

(a) **GIVING:** ""You shall truly tithe all the increase of your grain that the field produces **year by year**. And you shall eat before the LORD your God, **in the place where He**

**chooses to make His name abide**, the tithe of your grain and your new wine and your oil, of the firstborn of your herds and your flocks, that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. **But if the journey is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe**, or if the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from you, when the LORD your God has blessed you, then you shall **exchange it for money, take the money in your hand, and go to the place which the LORD your God chooses. And you shall spend that money for whatever your heart desires:** for oxen or sheep, for wine or similar drink, for whatever your heart desires; you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household. You shall not forsake the Levite who is within your gates, for he has no part nor inheritance with you. **“At the end of every third year** you shall bring out the tithe of your produce of that year and store it up within your gates. **And the Levite, because he has no portion nor inheritance with you, and the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are within your gates,** may come and eat and be satisfied, that the LORD your

God may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do." Deuteronomy 14:22-29 NKJV

- (b) **RELEASE:** **““At the end of every seven years** you shall grant a release of debts. And this is the form of the release: Every creditor who has lent anything to his neighbor shall release it; he shall not require it of his neighbor or his brother, because it is called the LORD’s release. **Of a foreigner you may require it; but you shall give up your claim to what is owed by your brother, except when there may be no poor among you;** for the LORD will greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess as an inheritance— only if you carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe with care all these commandments which I command you today. For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.” Deuteronomy 15:1-6 NKJV

## (2) Pilgrimage Feasts

### (a) Passover

1. **““Observe the month of Abib, and keep the Passover to the LORD your God, for in the month of Abib the LORD**

your God brought you out of Egypt by night.

Deuteronomy 16:1

2. “You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you; but **at the place where the LORD your God chooses to make His name abide**, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at twilight, at the going down of the sun, at the time you came out of Egypt.” Deuteronomy 16:5-6 NKJV

(c) Weeks

1. ““You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain [**that is the Feast of First Fruits which is the Day after the sabbath that follows Passover, in which the first fruit of the barley harvest is offered to Yahweh**]. Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the LORD your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the LORD your God blesses you. You shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant, the Levite who is within your gates, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow who are among you, **at the place where the LORD your God**

**chooses to make His name abide.** And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and you shall be careful to observe these statutes."

Deuteronomy 16:9-12 NKJV

(d) Tabernacles

1. ""You shall observe the Feast of Tabernacles seven days, when you have gathered from your threshing floor and from your winepress. And you shall rejoice in your feast, you and your son and your daughter, your male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the fatherless and the widow, who are within your gates. Seven days you shall keep a sacred feast to the LORD your God **in the place which the LORD chooses**, because the LORD your God will bless you in all your produce and in all the work of your hands, so that you surely rejoice."

Deuteronomy 16:13-15 NKJV

(e) Go to Jerusalem!

1. ""**Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and

they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed." Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

2. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you." Deuteronomy 16:17 NKJV

3. "Also on the day of the firstfruits, when you bring a new grain offering to the LORD at your **Feast of Weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no customary work.**" Numbers 28:26 NKJV

(3) This is what was happening in the book of Acts!

(a) "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4 NKJV

(b) **A place of His choosing: "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven.** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone



heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God.” So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “Whatever could this mean?” Others mocking said, “They are full of new wine.”” Acts 2:5-13 NKJV

## SPEECHES THAT DEFINE A MAN’S LEGACY

### 2. Looking Back to Look Ahead

#### A. From Peter to Abraham Lincoln to Martin Luther King, Jr.

(1) The Apostle Peter Looking forward by looking back!

- (a) “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, **raised his voice** and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.” Acts 2:14 NKJV

(b) “But this is what was spoken **by the prophet Joel**: ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.’ Acts 2:16-17 NKJV

(2) Martin Luther King looking forward by looking back!

(a) These are excerpts from His famous speech, [“I Have a Dream.”](#) (Active link for entire speech) Notice how he is looking back to Abraham Lincoln’s famous emancipation proclamation and Gettysburg Address speech that followed later.

1. I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation. **Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand today, signed the Emancipation Proclamation.** This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of their captivity... **I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation**

**where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.** I have a dream today... I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. (This last section is a quote from Isaiah 40:4-5)

- (3) Dr. King was looking back to Abraham Lincoln!
- (a) On September 22, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, which declared that as of **January 1, 1863**, all slaves in the states currently engaged in rebellion against the Union “shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free.”
  - (b) On November 19, 1863, at the dedication of a military cemetery at **Gettysburg**, Pennsylvania, during the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivers one of the most memorable speeches in American history.
  - (c) *Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are*

*created equal.* [Abraham Lincoln](#) (Active link for entire speech)

## **B. Peter and Joel**

### (1) Peter

- (a) “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: **‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’”** Acts 2:14-21 NKJV

### (2) Joel

- (a) **““And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.” Joel 2:28-32 NKJV**

**C. What Joel said that Peter did not!**

- (1) Joel 2:1-27 (The 27 verses preceding Peter’s quote!)
- (a) “Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there

ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations. A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run. With a noise like chariots Over mountaintops they leap, Like the noise of a flaming fire that devours the stubble, Like a strong people set in battle array. Before them the people writhe in pain; All faces are drained of color. They run like mighty men, They climb the wall like men of war; Every one marches in formation, And they do not break ranks. They do not push one another; Every one marches in his own column. Though they lunge between the weapons, They are not cut down. They run to and fro in the city, They run on the wall; They climb into the houses, They enter at the windows like a thief. **The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.** The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; **Who can**

**endure it? “Now, therefore,” says the LORD,** “Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.” So rend your heart, and not your garments; **Return to the LORD your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.** Who knows if He will turn and relent, And leave a blessing behind Him— A grain offering and a drink offering For the LORD your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, **And the bride from her dressing room.** Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, “Spare Your people, O LORD, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ” Then the LORD will be zealous for His land, And pity His people. The LORD will answer and say to His people, “Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil, And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations. “But

I will remove far from you the northern army, And will drive him away into a barren and desolate land, With his face toward the eastern sea And his back toward the western sea; His stench will come up, And his foul odor will rise, Because he has done monstrous things.” Fear not, O land; Be glad and rejoice, For the LORD has done marvelous things! Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; For the open pastures are springing up, And the tree bears its fruit; The fig tree and the vine yield their strength. **Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you— The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month *[two first months in Hebrew calendar, the first month when we have Passover all the way to Pentecost (which has the lighter former rains which are sufficient for the softer and less complex grain of the barley harvest, and the Seventh month which is the first month of the 2nd half of the year, and which we have the heavy latter rains for the more complex fall harvest grain (see John 4, the fields are ripe for harvest)].* The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and**



oil. "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame." Joel 2:1-27 NKJV

(2) Former Rain and Latter Rain (Joel 2:23)

- (a) What took place in that moment of outpouring of the Holy Spirit was the former rain. We are still waiting for the Latter rain.
- (b) **The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month** *[two first months in Hebrew calendar, the first month when we have Passover all the way to Pentecost (which has the lighter former rains which are sufficient for the softer and less complex grain of the barley harvest, and the Seventh month which is the first month of the 2nd half of the year, and which we have the heavy latter rains for the more complex fall harvest grain (see John 4, the fields are ripe for harvest)].*

- (c) This is what Joel just said would come first and is why the first century was just a dress rehearsal! You can see the same pattern in Malachi 4 when the full expression of Elijah takes place in two stages (first century with John the Baptist and the “spirit of Elijah” and then the Final “behold I send you Elijah”. The passages in Joel leading up to Peter’s quotation of it starting in verse 28 are critical to your understanding of what took place at Pentecost in the first century and what we should be **LOOKING FORWARD TO** in the future, a greater outpouring. As such, Paul called the giving of the Holy Spirit in the first century and “errest” or a deposit on a whole for which the rest will be paid later!

**D. A Deposit with a Guarantee of More to Come**

(1) 2 Corinthians

- (a) “Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also **has sealed us** and given us the Spirit in our hearts **as a guarantee.**” II Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV
- (b) “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit,

**guaranteeing what is to come.”** 2 Corinthians 1:21-22  
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- (c) “Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the **earnest** of the Spirit in our hearts.” 2  
Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV

(2) Ephesians

- (a) “In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the **Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV
- (b) “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance** until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 NIVUK
- (c) “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of

promise, **Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession**, unto the praise of his glory.” Ephesians 1:13-14 KJV

- (3) Look at the Former Rain, Latter Rain and Great Harvest Imagery in the Narrative with the Samaritan Women at the Well (see John 4:1-42)
- (a) “Now Jacob’s well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.” John 4:6-7
- (b) Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘**Give Me a drink,**’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water.**” The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? John 4:10-11
- (c) Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him **a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**” The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” John 4:13-15

- (4) Spirit and Truth (On what mountain do we worship?)
- (a) But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers **will worship the Father in spirit and truth;** for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in **spirit and truth.**”” John 4:23-24 NKJV
  - (b) Think of the truth coming down on Mt. Sinai and man’s inability to comprehend the magnitude of such until the Spirit descends on Pentecost. Now the children of the Most High can apply the Spirit to the Truth.
  - (c) What does it take to apply the Spirit to the Truth?
    1. “Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.” Then He said to them, “Therefore **every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven** is like a householder who brings out of **his treasure things new and old.**”” Matthew 13:51-52 NKJV
      - (I) **The Lesson:** Even the experts in the Law need to be instructed in the Kingdom.
      - (II) **The Treasure:** integrating things old (Mt. Sinai, the Law, Shavuot, Truth) with things new (The indwelling Spirit at Pentecost). Spirit and Truth
- (5) The Harvest that comes with the Heavy Rains

- (a) “Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. Do you not say, **‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest’?** Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. For in this the saying is true: ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors.”” John 4:34-38 NKJV

## THOSE CRAZY FEAST KEEPERS

### 3. The Feast Keepers

#### A. Paul the Feast Keeper

##### (1) Keep the Feast

- (a) “Therefore **let us keep the feast**, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” I

Corinthians 5:8 NKJV

##### (2) Paul Even Left the Mission Field to Keep the Feast!

- (a) “For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for **he was**

**hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost.” Acts 20:16 NKJV**

**B. Y’shua the Feast Keeper**

(1) As Per the Law!

(a) “After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.” John 5:1 NKJV

(b) **“Three times a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God in the place which He chooses:** at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed.” Deuteronomy 16:16 NKJV

(2) Even when His life was threatened, He made His way to the Feast of Tabernacles in the fall.

(a) “After these things Jesus walked in Galilee; for He did not want to walk in Judea, **because the Jews sought to kill Him.** Now the Jews’ Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. His brothers therefore said to Him, “Depart from here and go into Judea, that Your disciples also may see the works that You are doing. For no one does anything in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world.” For even His brothers did not believe in Him. Then Jesus

said to them, **“My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.** The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come.” When He had said these things to them, He remained in Galilee.” John 7:1-9 NKJV

(b) He Goes up secretly, but eventually, reveals Himself as He teaches in the Temple and much like when we was a young 12 year old boy at Passover, they marveled at His knowledge!

1. **“But when His brothers had gone up, then He also went up to the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.** Then the Jews sought Him at the feast, and said, “Where is He?” And there was much complaining among the people concerning Him. Some said, “He is good”; others said, “No, on the contrary, He deceives the people.” However, no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Jews. **Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” [Same as when he was 12 years old at the**



**Passover in Luke 2:41-52]** Jesus answered them and said, **“My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?”” John 7:10-19 NKJV

2. **When He was 12:** “Now so it was that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. **And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.”** Luke 2:46-47 NKJV

(c) And as He teaches at the Feast they do nothing to Him and it is so astonishing that some witnessing it ask this profound question:

1. “Now some of them from Jerusalem said, “Is this not He whom they seek to kill? But look! **He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers**

**know indeed that this is truly the Christ?"** John  
7:25-26 NKJV

**C. And what was Y'shua teaching at the Feast?**

- (1) I pray you catch how profound it is that Y'shua risked His life to KEEP THE FEAST.
  - (a) At the Feast of Tabernacles, it was Jewish tradition to do a **Water Libation Ceremony** or a "Pouring of the water". It is the time of year in which God judges the world for rainfall and the fall season demands the heavy rain or latter rain for the maturing of the wheat harvest; therefore this **ceremony** invokes God's blessing for rain in its proper time.
- (2) And Look what Y'shua stood up and taught in the Temple
  - (a) "On the last day, that great day of the feast [this refers to the eight day of the Feast of Tabernacles], Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**" But this **He spoke concerning the Spirit**, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." John 7:37-39 NKJV

- (b) Note: again, you see the connection between rain, water and the Holy Spirit!
- (c) “Therefore many from the crowd, when they heard this saying, said, “Truly this is the Prophet.” Others said, “This is the Christ.” But some said, “Will the Christ come out of Galilee?” John 7:40-41 NKJV

## QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

### **1. Discuss the relationship and timing of the following:**

- D. Passover and First Fruits
- E. First Fruits and Pentecost
- F. The giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai and the Holy Spirit falling in the first century
- G. Israel’s three day’s journey into the wilderness, First Fruits and the Resurrection of Y’shua

### **2. Discuss the many-fold complications with the belief that the Holy Spirit fell in an upper room of a house in Acts 2.**

### **3. What is a pilgrimage Feast?**

- A. How are they related to the presence of a multitude of nations in Jerusalem during Pentecost in Acts 2?

### **4. Peter began teaching in Acts 2 from prophecy in Joel 2 starting in what we now know as Joel 2:28:**

- A. What was so important about what Joel prophesied in the verses preceding Peter's starting point, especially regarding the former rain and latter rain, and how does it relate to the events of Pentecost in the first century?
- B. How does it relate to the idea that the Holy Spirit was given at Pentecost as an earnest deposit?
- C. What should we be looking for today?
- D. **Note:** *it was common practice in the first century for teachers to incompletely reference an area of Scripture with the expectation that their students would either already know what surrounded that reference or, if not, would search it out. Y'shua and Paul did this so often that it is safe to say you could not grasp the fullness of what they were teaching if you are ignorant of this fact.*

**5. What did Paul do during one of his mission trips in Acts 20, as it relates to the command to go to Jerusalem for Pentecost?**

- A. What should this indicate to you relative to the importance of Christians practicing the Feasts of Yahweh?
- B. Even when His life was in danger, and at a moment when He knew that His "time had not yet come", in John 7, Y'shua made sure He was in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. Why do you think that He did that?

- C. What did He teach at that Feast of Tabernacles that was so profound relative to Jewish tradition?
- D. What was the impact of that teaching?